



TOWN OF GRAFTON
GRAFTON MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER
30 PROVIDENCE ROAD
GRAFTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01519
(508) 839-5335 ext. 1195 • FAX (508) 839-4602
www.grafton-ma.gov

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK
GRAFTON, MA
2015 JAN 16 AM 8 33 *12*

**MILL VILLAGES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

MILL VILLAGES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 21, 2014

South Grafton Community House, 27 Main Street, South Grafton

A meeting of the Mill Villages Advisory Committee was held on September 18, 2014 in the South Grafton Community House.

Present from the Committee: Philip Gauthier, Chairman; Andrew Kjellberg, Clerk; and Members Jonathan Lincoln, Ann Morgan, Robert Nault. Also present: Joe Laydon, Town Planner; Betty Wright, Recreation Director

Absent from the Committee: Kenneth Grew, Vice Chairman; Member Ruth Anderson.

Chairman Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. **ACTION ITEMS** – Open Session Minutes - July 17, 2014: Motion to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2014 meeting as drafted made by Jonathan Lincoln, seconded by Philip Gauthier. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Requests from Recreation Department – Betty Wright was invited to attend the meeting to discuss items she wanted to review with the Committee. She was not in attendance for reasons unknown. However both Phil Gauthier and Ann Morgan reported that they had discussed items with her including reducing the conflicts of scheduled events sponsored by the Committee and the Recreation Department next summer. The Committee noted that, in order for us both to schedule concerts conflict free in the future, that we needed to schedule a joint meeting between our committee and the Recreation Department personnel to review the process. The Committee decided to invite them to the September meeting.
 - B. Cross Walks - Jonathan Lincoln noted the lack of cross walks at Cross Street and Providence Road and Cross Street and Main Street. He raised a number of safety concerns and asked what could be done. Mr. Laydon noted that something similar to crosswalks at Mill Villages Park crossing Main Street might be an option. He said that he would look into it.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Events – Concerts: Ann Morgan noted that the Bob Jordan Band would be performing on August 23rd and Blackstone Valley Blue Grass Band would be performing on August 27th, both at Mill Villages Park.

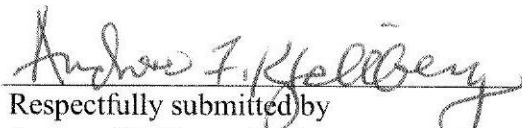
Mill Villages Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting
August 21, 2014
Page 2

- B. Main Street Bride Lights – Bid Update: Mr. Laydon reported that the deadline for bid submission was September 24th. All bids will be reviewed with the Town Administrator's Office.
- C. Mill Villages Park Work Items – Prior to discussing the published agenda items, Mr. Ted Misiasek was recognized by the Chairman to address the Committee. He raised the issue of a concession stand at the Park and wanted to know if there were any plans to build one. Mr. Gauthier reviewed the issue noting that there had been some discussion about a one story structure to accommodate a concession stand and public bathrooms. The previous Town Planner, Stephen Bishop, had located a design that would complement the Park's existing architecture but the company had not returned repeated calls. No other progress has been made. Mr. Misiasek asked questions as to why we needed to combine the concession stand with the proposed bathrooms and asked if we had gotten prices for construction of a concession stand and asked why we couldn't have two freestanding buildings, one for concessions and one for bathrooms. He was specifically interested in the concession stand and had no interest in the bathroom. Mr. Gauthier stated that Mr. Misiasek would be notified once there was more information about the development of either of these facilities.

Other Items: Ann Morgan reported that the snapping turtle signs were ready to be installed by the Department of Public Works. Mr. Gauthier has been coordinating with the sign maker who is working on the replacement entrance sign for Mill Villages Park. It should be ready for a September installation. The Committee continues to seek out someone to install the new commemorative bricks at the Park. The Main Street bridge light work went out to bid on August 27th with a September 24th deadline. Ongoing maintenance of the Park was discussed. It was suggested that the Committee approach the Grafton Garden Club and see if they would partner with the Committee in this effort.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ann Morgan, seconded by Philip Gauthier. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Respectfully submitted by
Andrew Kjellberg, Clerk